

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1009

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Raymond Nathaniel Ruffin III, 2010 Valedictorian of West Creek High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Nathaniel Ruffin III is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at West Creek High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Raymond Ruffin has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Raymond has earned an exemplary 3.93 grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities and organizations, including the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, Key Club, Marching Band, Jazz Band, and the theatre. He also rendered sterling service as a member of the student government, the Math Team, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Junior Classical League, and the Black History Bowl Team; and

WHEREAS, Raymond's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruffin's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Raymond and Kerri Ruffin, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Ruffin's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2010 West Creek High School Valedictorian, Raymond Nathaniel Ruffin III, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.